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SUBJECT: ROCKEFELLER VISIT

1. DAVID ROCKEFELLER AND PARTY VISITED EGYPT MARCH 4-6.

TIMING WAS UNPROPITIOUS SINCE GOE TOTALLY ENGAGED IN AFRO-ARAB CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES. AFTER HALF DAY IN LUXOR, ROCKEFELLER ARRIVED CAIRO MARCH 5. LUNCHEON WAS GIVEN FOR HIM BY NATIONAL BANK CHAIRMAN RUSHDI, WHICH GAVE HIM OPPORTUNITY MEET MINFINANCE HAMED AND SOME OTHER SENIOR GOE ECONOMIC OFFICIALS.

2. AMBASSADOR GAVE DINNER FOR ROCKEFELLER LAST NIGHT

ATTENDED BY MINSUPPLY/TRADE ZAKARIA TEWFIK, MINPLANNING IMAM, ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER AHMED GHANDOUR AND OTHER EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC OFFICIALS. MINFINANCE, WHO HAD BEEN INVITED, HAD TO REGRET AT LAST MINUTE BECAUSE HE WAS DELEGATED MEET A VISITING AFRO-ARAB CHIEF OF STATE.

3. TYPICAL PRESIDENCY CONFUSION MARKED VISIT. PRESIDENCY

ADVISED WELL IN ADVANCE OF ROCKEFELLER VISIT AND INDICATED MEETING WOULD BE ARRANGED WITH SADAT MARCH 5. PERENNIAL DIFFICULTY OF GETTING FIRM TIME FROM PRESIDENCY COMPOUNDED ON THIS OCCASSION BY SADAT'S OWN INVOLVEMENT IN GREETING AFRO-ARAB LEADERS. USING AMBASSADOR'S SECURE PHONE, MEETING

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FINALLY ARRANGED LAST NIGHT FOR 1015 THIS MORNING AT AIRPORT. THIS REQUIRED ROCKEFELLER DELAY DEPARTURE FOR SAUDI ARABIA BY THREE HOURS, BUT HE AGREED TO DO SINCE HE WAS ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH SADAT. FEW MINUTES AGO (0945) PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TO SAY MEETING WOULD NOW TAKE PLACE AT 1000 AT GIZA. AMBASSADOR REMINDED PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL OF 1015 AIRPORT MEETING ARRANGED LAST NIGHT AND

SUGGESTED PRESIDENCY TRY TO GET IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH ROCKEFELLER AT SHERATON HOTEL TO TELL HIM OF CHANGE OF TIME AND VENUE. WE WOULD ALSO TRY TO GET WORD TO HIM. NOT SURPRISINGLY, HOWEVER, HOTEL ADVISED THAT ROCKEFELLER AND PARTY HAD ALREADY LEFT FOR AIRPORT. PRESIDENTIAL HELICOPTER HAS JUST FLOWN OVERHEAD (0955) AND IS, WE SUSPECT, BOUND FOR AIRPORT.
WITH A BIT OF LUCK SADAT AND ROCKEFELLER MAY YET MEET AT 1015 AS SCHEDULED LAST NIGHT.

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